

DESCENDANTS OF ALEXANDER CUNNINGHAM

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1.ALEXANDER CUNNINGHAM

Alexander Cunningham, a son of David and Rachel (Bruce) Cunningham, was born in Northern Ireland in 1663 and died in Ireland in 1749. He married Rebecca Burns. Rebecca was born in Scotland about 1668. The family emigrated to Fairfax County VA between 1708 and 1713. Their eldest child was born in Ireland and the others in Fairfax County.

Known Children of Alexander and Rebecca (Burns) Cunningham.

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| 2. | (1). | Hugh | b. | 1708 | d. | 1782 |
| | | m.Nancy O'Niel | | | | |
| 3. | (2). | Robert | b. | 1713 | ad. | 1784 |
| | | m.Catharine Sinnett 1734 | | | | |
| 4. | (3). | Joseph (twin) | b. | 1721 | d. | 1801 |
| | | m.Elizabeth Harris | | | | |
| 5. | (4). | David (twin) | b. | 1721 | d.Dec 31 | 1799 |
| | | m.Angeline Wilson 1751 | | | | |

2.HUGH CUNNINGHAM 1.ALEXANDER CUNNINGHAM

Hugh Cunningham, a son of Alexander and Rebecca (Burns) Cunningham, was born in Ireland in 1708 and, according to DAR records, was killed by Indians at Blue Licks, KY in 1782. He married Nancy O'Niel in 1728 in Ireland. The family emigrated to America and located in Fairfax county VA on the Potomac River in 1754 or 1755. By the end of the Revolution, the family was scattered, with part of the children going to Western Virginia and others going to Kentucky.

Known children of Hugh and Nancy (O'Niel) Cunningham.

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|-----|-------|---------------------------|------|------|---------|------|
| 6. | (1). | Adam | b.c. | 1730 | d. | 1787 |
| | | m.Rachel Morgan | | | | |
| 7. | (2). | Ephriam | b.c. | 1732 | | |
| 8. | (3). | Benjamin | b.c. | 1734 | | |
| 9. | (4). | Joseph | b.c. | 1736 | | |
| 10. | (5). | William | b.c. | 1738 | | |
| 11. | (6). | Walter | b.c. | 1740 | | |
| | | m.Hannah ----- | | | | |
| | | m.Ann Randall | | | | |
| 12. | (7). | Edward | b.c. | 1745 | d. | 1804 |
| | | m.Sarah Price Jun 15 1770 | | | | |
| 13. | (8). | Rachel | b.c. | 1746 | | |
| 14. | (9). | Mary | b.c. | 1748 | | |
| 15. | (10). | Dorcas | b.c. | 1750 | | |
| 16. | (11). | Elizabeth | b.c. | 1752 | | |
| 17. | (12). | Thomas | b. | 1756 | d.Jun 2 | 1826 |

6.ADAM CUNNINGHAM 2.HUGH CUNNINGHAM 1.ALEXANDER CUNNINGHAM

Adam Cunningham, a son of Hugh and Nancy (O'Niel) Cunningham, was born in 1730 and died in 1787. He married Rachel Morgan.

Known children of Adam and Rachel (Morgan) Cunningham.

18. (1). Mary b.Aug 3 1784 d.Mar 28 1877
m.John Robinson Mar 7 1811

19. (2). Adam b.c. 1785
m.Sarah Sinnett

12.EDWARD CUNNINGHAM 2.HUGH CUNNINGHAM 1.ALEXANDER CUNNINGHAM

Edward Cunningham, a son of Hugh and Nancy (O'Niel) Cunningham, was born about 1745 and died in 1804. He married Sarah Price in Fairfax County VA June 15, 1770.

Children of Edward and Sarah (Price) Cunningham.

20. (1). Joseph "Indian Joe" b. 1771
21. (2). William b. 1772
22. (3). Leah b. 1773 d. 1862
m.Moses Hall
23. (4). Benjamin
24. (5). Adam
25. (6). Enoch
26. (7). Rachel
27. (8). Ann
28. (9). Mary
29. (10). Elizabeth
30. (11). Catura "kettery"

17.THOMAS CUNNINGHAM 2.HUGH CUNNINGHAM 1.ALEXANDER CUNNINGHAM

Thomas Cunningham, a son of Hugh and Nancy (O'Niel) Cunningham, was born in Fairfax County VA in 1756 and died in what is now Ritchie County WV June 2, 1826. He came to West Augusta County VA with his brother Edward about 1775 and settled on Big Bigamon Creek near present-day Shinnston, WV. He married Phebe Tucker at Prickett's Fort in April of 1776 or 1777. Phebe, a daughter of William Tucker, was born in England in 1761 and died in what is now Calhoun County WV in 1845.

In May 1777, Thomas enlisted in Captain James Booth's Company of Rangers. (Service # VA 23100). When Booth was killed by Indians June 16, 1778, the company was disbanded. In October 1781, the company was reactivated and sent to Winchester, VA, where Thomas spent a month guarding British prisoners captured at Yorktown.

In 1785, Thomas and Phebe had four children, Henry, Lydia, Walter and Thomas. They lived on Bigamon Creek near Thomas' brother Edward. One day while Thomas was absent on a trading expedition, six Indians

attacked Thomas' cabin while Phebe and the children were at dinner. Although Edward Cunningham shot and wounded one Indian from the cover of his cabin, the raiding party killed one of Phebe's children and abducted her and the three others. The Indians killed the other three children one by one on their trek to a Delaware village.

After Phebe had been captive for three years, she met the renegade, Simon Girty. In the fall of 1788, she was taken to an Indian conference at the present site of Perrysburg, Ohio, where Girty presented her case to the British agent, who furnished the ransom that freed her. Phebe left the conference for Kentucky with two men who had come there in search of their children who had also been captives. After considerable delay, she and Thomas were reunited and established a new home in present day Lewis County, WV.

In 1807, the family moved from Harrison County to the South Fork of the Hughes River, a few miles upstream from present-day Smithville, Ritchie County WV.

Children of Thomas and Phebe (Tucker) Cunningham.

31.	(1).	Henry	b.c.	1778	d.	1785
32.	(2).	Lydia	b.c.	1780	d.	1785
33.	(3).	Walter	b.c.	1782	d.	1785
34.	(4).	Thomas	b.	1784	d.	1785
35.	(5).	William	b.	1789		
		m.Rebecca Johnson		Jan 25 1821		
36.	(6).	Rachael	b.May	1794	d.Dec 15	1882
		m.Isaac Collins		Jun 11 1812		
37.	(7).	Phebe	b.	1795	d.	1871
		m.James Hardman		1816		
38.	(8).	Sira Leah	b.	1796	d.Aug 13	1874
		m.Benjamin Hardman		1819		
39.	(9).	Barbara	b.	1797		
		m.James Hill				
40.	(10).	Richard Benjamin	b.Apr	1800	d.May 24	1853
		m.Hannah Riddle				
41.	(11).	John	b.	1802	d.	1851
		m.Elizabeth		-----		

18.MARY CUNNINGHAM 6.ADAM CUNNINGHAM 2.HUGH CUNNINGHAM
1.ALEXANDER CUNNINGHAM

Mary Cunningham, a daughter of Adam and Rachel (Morgan) Cunningham, was born in Harrison County VA (WV) August 3, 1784 and died there March 28, 1877. She married John Robinson December 2, 1811. John was born December 2, 1784 and died February 15, 1856.

Children of John and Mary (Cunningham) Robinson.

42.	(1).	Jehu
43.	(2).	Amelia
44.	(3).	Ara
45.	(4).	Washington
46.	(5).	Noah

48. (7). Rebecca

58. (1). Eli Riddle b.c. 1827 d. Aug 1907

m. Temperance -----
m. Lavina Richards

59. (2). Rachel b.c. 1830
m. Thorton Norman Dec 27 1885 Ritchie County WV

60. (3). John R. b.Jan 26 1833 d.Jan 25 1916
m.Frances J. Modisette Apr 9 1854

51. (4). Temperance b.c. 1832

62. (5). William L.C. b. Jul 13 1836 d. Feb 12 1901
m. Catherine Elizabeth Cross Apr 8 1865 Ritchie County WV

63. (6). Elizabeth b.c. 1838

64. (7). Leah A.C. b.c. 1841
m. William S. Vannoy Nov 26 1885, Ritchie Co. WV

65. (8). Thomas b.c. 1843

66. (9). Tamar Joanna b.c. 1845

67. (10). Phoebe b.c. 1825

68. (11). James

69. (12). W.M.C.

70. (13). Hannah Elizabeth b.c. 1838
m. John Modisette

71. (14). Nancy Hila b. 1828
m. Wilson Benjamin Cunningham Dec 10 1846 Keokuk, IA

38.ABSOLOM CUNNINGHAM 19.ADAM CUNNINGHAM 6.ADAM CUNNINGHAM
2.HUGH CUNNINGHAM 1.ALEXANDER CUNNINGHAM

Absolom Cunningham a son of Adam and Sarah (Sinnnett) Cunningham,
was born about 1820. He married Mahulda Simmons. Mahulda was a
daughter of Abraham and Mary (Mullenax) Simmons.

Known children of Aboslom and Mahulda (Simmons) Cunnihgham.

72. (1). Alfred b.Nov 14 1856 d.Nov 30 1941
m,Eliza Adeline bush Jul 24 1877

58.ELI RIDDLE CUNNINGHAM 40.RICHARD BENJAMIN CUNNINGHAM 17.THOMAS
CUNNINGHAM 2.HUGH CUNNINGHAM 1.ALEXANDER CUNNINGHAM

Eli Riddle Cunningham, a son of Richard Benjamin and Hannah (Riddle)
Cunningham, was born in 1828 in Ritchie County and died there in August
1907. He married Temperance -----. Temperance died and Eli married
Lavina Richards. Lavina, a daughter of Jacob and K.J.M.H. "Ruth" (Jones)
Richards, was born in 1834 in Ritchie County VA and died there October
28, 1874. The couple divorced. Lavina married William H. Minear October
19, 1856 in Ritchie County.

Known children of Eli Riddle and Temperance Cunningham.

73. (1). Wilson Benjamin b.Jun 5 1851 D.Sep 22 1933
m. Harriet Ellen Minear May 28, 1876 in Ritchie County WV

Children of Eli R. and Lavina (Richards) Cinningham.

74. (1). Laverna

75. (2). Eli Johnson

76. (3). John A.

77. (4). Homer E.

60.JOHN R. CUNNINGHAM 40,RICHARD BENJAMIN CUNNINGHAM 17.THOMAS
CUNNINGHAM 2.HUGH CUNNINGHAM 1.ALEXANDER CUNNINGHAM

John R. Cunningham, a son of Richard Benjamin and Hannah (Riddle) Cunningham, was born January 26, 1833 and died January 25, 1916. He married Frances J. Modisette April 9, 1854. Frances, a daughter of Augustus C. and Dorcas (Wilson) Modisette, was born September 28, 1836 and died August 26, 1905.

John served the Union in the Civil War in Co G 11th W.Va. Volunteer Infantry.

Children of John R. and Frances J. (Modisette) Cunningham.

78. (1). Asa L.

79. (2). Lillie B.
m.----- Yates

80. (3). Adaline Virginia
m.Andrew Holly Cooper

81. (4). A.C.
m.----- Carter
m.James Simpson

62.WILLIAM W. CUNNINGHAM 40,RICHARD BENJAMIN CUNNINGHAM
17.THOMAS CUNNINGHAM 2.HUGH CUNNINGHAM 1.ALEXANDER
CUNNINGHAM

William W. Cunningham, a son of Richard Benjamin and Hannah (Riddle) Cunningham, was born in Marion County VA (WV) in 1838. He served in the Union Army during the Civil War. he married Martha Matilda Ferrell February 6, 1860. Martha, a daughter of Uriah M. and Hannah Ferrell, was born in Monongalia County VA (WV) in 1839.

Children of William W. and Martha Matilda (Ferrell) Cunningham.

82. (1). Richard Elmer b. 1861 d.Jan 21 1937
m.Susan Arthelia Goodnight 1881

83. (2). Mary Ellen

84. (3). Armina Olive

85. (4). Felix L.

86. (5). John Marshall

87. (6). Alsa Ona

88. (7). Rebecca Jane

89. (8). Elsworth

72.ALFRED CUNNINGHAM 38.ABSOLOM CUNNINGHAM 19.ADAM CUNNINGHAM
6.ADAM CUNNINGHAM 2.HUGH CUNNINGHAM 1.ALEXANDER CUNNINGHAM

Alfred Cunningham, a son of Aboslom and Mahulda (Simmons) Cunnihgham, was born in Ritchie County WV November 14, 1856 and died in Lewis County WV November 30, 1941. He married Eliza Adelaide Bush

in Ritchie County July 24, 1877. Eliza, a daughter of Adam and Sophia (Waggoner) Bush, was born in Gilmer County VA (WV) December 18, 1852 and died there February 19, 1910.

Children of Alfred and Eliza Adelaide (Bush) Cunningham.

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| 90. | (1). | Vallie Virginia | b.Jun 17 1878 | d.Oct 15 1936 |
| | | m.Calvin Clevenger | Oct 10 1909 | |
| 91. | (2). | Absolom Thomas Clark | b.Mar 19 1884 | d.Aug 31 1946 |
| | | m.Vilette Cooper | | |
| | | m.Mimi Dell | | |
| 92. | (3). | Charles Orton | b.Jun 4 1889 | d.Aug 30 1966 |
| | | m.Ernie Edna Harmon | Jan 15 1919 | |
| 93. | (4). | Clyde Alvin | b.Sep 17 1890 | d.Dec 23 1976 |
| | | m.Cora F. Baker | | |
| 94. | (5). | Adaline Fay | b.Dec 7 1893 | d.Oct 23 1990 |
| | | m.Thomas Clark Keller | Aug 12 1912 | |
| 95. | (6). | Ervin Clair | b.Dec 8 1896 | d.Sep 25 1978 |
| | | m.Bessie McGraw | | |
| | | m.Evelyn Ginger | | |

73.WILSON BENJAMIN CUNNINGHAM 58.ELI RIDDLE CUNNINGHAM 40.RICHARD BENJAMIN CUNNINGHAM 17.THOMAS CUNNINGHAM 2.HUGH CUNNINGHAM 1.ALEXANDER CUNNINGHAM

Wilson Benjamin Cunningham, a son of Eli Riddle and Temperance Cunningham, was born June 5, 1851 in Ritchie County and died there September 22, 1933. He married Harriet Ellen Minear May 28, 1876 in Ritchie County WV. Harriet, a daughter of William H. and Lavina (Richards) [Cunningham] Minear, was born in 1858 in Ritchie County VA. She was the daughter of Benjamin's step mother.

Children of Wilson Benjamin and Harriet (Minear) Cunningham.

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| 96. | (1). | Dala | b.Mar 20 1878 | |
| | | m. Bruce Strother | Jan 9, 1903 Ritchie County WV | |
| 97. | (2). | Isa Dora | b.Oct 3 1881 | |
| | | m. William A. Strother | Dec 24 1905, Ritchie County WV | |
| 98. | (3). | Ross | b.Feb 14 1883 | |
| 99. | (4). | Sherman | | |
| 100. | (5). | Ellen Nora | b.Jun 9 1887 | |
| | | m. Joseph Ricahrds | | |
| 101. | (6). | Basil I. | b.Oct 21 1889 | |
| 102. | (7). | Burns | b.Apr 21 1892 | |
| | | m. Pearl Matties | | |
| 103. | (8). | Della G. | b.Jun 17 1894 | |
| | | m. Marcus Boyce Hagerman | | |
| 104. | (9). | Lucille "Lucy" | b.Dec 23 1897 | d.Nov 16 1900 |

82.RICHARD ELMER CUNNINGHAM 62.WILLIAM W. CUNNINGHAM 40,RICHARD BENJAMIN CUNNINGHAM 17.THOMAS CUNNINGHAM 2.HUGH CUNNINGHAM 1.ALEXANDER CUNNINGHAM

Richard Elmer Cunningham, a son of William W. and Martha Matilda (Ferrell) Cunningham, was born in Ritchie County Wv in 1861 and died

in Calhoun County WV January 21, 1937. He married Susan Arthelia Goodnight in 1861. Susan, a daughter of William J. and Joanna (Guthrie) Goodnight, was born in Gilmer County Va (WV) May 30, 1855 and died in Calhoun County November 13, 1926.

Children of Richard Elmer and Susan Arthelia (Goodnight) Cunningham.

105. (1). Mary Jane b. 1885 d. 1910
m.Andrew Dudley Metz
106. (2). John Leman b. 1888 d. 1958
m.Alice Norman
107. (3). Anna Frances b.Mar 6 1889 d.Apr 16 1958
m.Okey A. Shimer
108. (4). James Freeman b. 1892 d. 1952
m.Georgia Norman
109. (5). Harriet Almeda b.Jan 27 1894 d.May 10 1975
m.James McElwain
110. (6). Noah b. 1896 d. 1945
m.Martha Boice

98.ANNA FRANCES CUNNINGHAM 51.RICHARD ELMER CUNNINGHAM

62.WILLIAM W. CUNNINGHAM 40,RICHARD BENJAMIN CUNNINGHAM

17.THOMAS CUNNINGHAM 2.HUGH CUNNINGHAM 1.ALEXANDER CUNNINGHAM

Anna Frances Cunningham, a son of Richard Elmer and Susan Arthelia (Goodnight) Cunningham, was born in Calhoun County WV March 6, 1889 and died April 16, 1958. She married Okey A. Shimer. Okey, a son of George and Rebecca Shimer, was born in Calhoun County in 1885 and died in 1981.

Known children of Okey A. and Anna Frances (Cunningham) Shimer.

111. (1). Clareth Gay b.Jun 12 1908
m.Bernard Wilson

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